

Enjoy laid-back spring events in Downtown

For those who love to live local, we've got some great events on tap in Downtown Round Rock this spring.

Music on Main Street

Our weekly live music event is back at Prete Main Street Plaza, 221. E. Main St. It's moving to a new night this year. It will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday beginning in March and running through May.

Music on Main is a free, family friendly music series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a relaxed time with the entire family. Fire in the Hole will be onsite selling pizza by the slice.

Here's the lineup for April, May:

- ★ April 1 Alicia Adkins (Folk)
- ★ April 8 Jonas Alvarez (Latin)
- ★ April 15 El Tule (Cumbia)
- ★ April 22 The Sieker Band (Bluegrass)
- ★ April 29 Inside Out Steelband (Trinidadian Steel Pan)
- ★ Wednesday, May 6 Roxy Roca (Soul)
- ★ Wednesday, May 13 To be announced
- ★ Wednesday, May 20 Lost and Nameless Orchestra (Americana)
- ★ Wednesday, May 27 Bad Marmot (Rock)

Drive-in movies

New this spring is a series of family-friendly drive-in movies at the former lumber yard at 115 E. Bagdad Avenue (across the street from the City Hall parking garage, a block south of the Library). A 75-foot screen allows optimal viewing.

Big Hero 6 saves the day on April 18.

Cost is \$5 walk in, \$20 per car, with a \$5 donation to a local non-profit. Movie snacks are on sale onsite.

The series will continue on the third Saturday of the month through October.

City Council elections will be held on May 9

There will be two contested elections for the May 9 City Council races for Place 3 and Place 5.

Candidates for Place 3 (listed in the order they will appear on the ballot) are Chris Koob and Frank Leffingwell. Leffingwell is the incumbent, having won a special election in January to replace Joe Clifford, who resigned in October.

Candidates for Place 5 are Write Baese, Ted G. Meng and Ellie Andrew. There is no incumbent for Place 5, as Councilmember John Moman is not seeking re-election.

Early voting begins Monday, April 27, and ends Tuesday, May 5.

Early voting polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 27, through Saturday, May 2. There will be no Sunday voting. Early voting polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, May 4, and Tuesday, May 5.

Early voting locations in Round Rock

- ★ Baca Senior Center, 303 W. Bagdad Ave.
- ★ Randalls, 2051 Gattis School Road
- ★ JB and Hallie Jester Annex, 1801 E. Old Settlers Blvd.



There are 11 total early voting sites in Williamson County. Voters can cast ballots at any of the locations.

Election Day polling places in Round Rock

- ★ Baca Senior Center, 301 W. Bagdad Ave.
- ★ Caldwell Heights Elementary, 4010 Eagles Nest St.
- ★ JB and Hallie Jester Annex, 1801 E. Old Settlers Blvd.
- ★ Randalls, 2051 Gattis School Road

There are 31 total Election Day voting sites in Williamson County. Voters can cast ballots at any of the locations.

For a complete list of early and Election Day polling places, please visit our website at *roundrocktexas.gov/elections*.



Introducing RRTX Mobile

The City is proud to introduce the RRTX Mobile app.

RRTX Mobile allows residents and visitors to keep up to date with the latest City news and events, and make mobile service requests. You can also track the progess of service requests using the app.

App users can also access their recycling dates with one tap, search for City phone numbers, staff directory, make online payments to Municipal Court and Utility Billing, search our library of photos on Flickr, watch videos and more. You can also access our award-winning CityView map program via the app.

You can download the app in the iTunes App Store and on Google Play by searching "RRTX Mobile."

In Brief

Creek Bend Boulevard extension to begin this month

Construction to extend Creek Bend Boulevard from Creek Bend Circle across Brushy Creek and Hairy Man Road to connect with Brightwater Boulevard at Wyoming Springs Drive is expected to begin in April.

The \$9 million project will include raised medians, sidewalks and bicycle accommodations. This project will provide north-south connection over Brushy Creek, thus increasing connectivity and reducing the reliance on IH 35 for north-south movements on the west side of Round Rock. Completion of this project will also alleviate some of the traffic on Sam Bass Road and RM 620 and will make construction of future projects on these two east-west routes more feasible by providing an alternate route.

Free small business workshops at Library

The Round Rock Public Library and the SCORE Austin Chapter are offering free small business workshops on Fridays, from 1 to 3 p.m., April 10 through May 22, as part of the Library's Biz.ability program. Topics covered include business concept and development, marketing and financial management and forecasts and much more. To register online, visit roundrocktexas.gov/business-center.

Get muddy on May 2

The Round Rock Parks and Recreation Department presents the free Muddy Miler Family Adventure from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2, at Old Settlers Park. The Muddy Miler is a themed adventure run offering the entire family more obstacles, more mud and more fun than your average run event.

WARNING: You will get muddy from head to toe if you want to conquer the Muddy Miler!

The event is free for the entire family but we ask that each participant pre-register so we may get an accurate count. Pre-registered participants also receive additional event information up until event day.

Spaces fill quickly, so register early at roundrockrecreation.com.

Sign up for summer camps at Round Rock Sports Center

The Round Rock Sports Center, 2400 Chisholm Trail, is a city-operated, indoor facility that focuses on high performance athletics.

This summer, the RRSC will offer a variety of basketball camps, including sessions devoted to shooting and ball-handling, volleyball camps and speed and agility training.

Prices and dates vary. For a complete listing and details, visit to *rrsportscenter.com*.

LCRA in early stages of transmission line planning

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LRCA) is proposing to add electric transmission infrastructure connecting power substations in Round Rock and Leander. The City of Round Rock has been asked to assist with information gathering such as environmental and development land use by the LCRA to help them formulate potential routes. The Texas Public Utility Commission is the organization that determines the final route of the new transmission line.

At this early planning stage, the LCRA has not proposed specific routes to connect the two substations.

The City will share the information requested by the LCRA when it is completed.

In the coming months, the LCRA will host open houses and collect public input on the project. Any questions and comments regarding the project or process should be directed to:

Christian Powell Regulatory Affairs Lower Colorado River Authority P.O. Box 220 Austin, Texas 78767-0220 1-800-776-5272 Ext. 4454 or 512-578-4454 Christian.powell@LCRA.org

City evaluating transit

The Round Rock Transit Plan is a planning effort that will include a comprehensive evaluation of transit demand and existing travel patterns. The study will assess opportunities for new transit services within the City of Round Rock, as well as improved regional connections. These findings will result in transit options for the City Council to consider.

We encourage you to visit the website *rrtransitplan.com* to learn about the project and we look forward to receiving your comments and feedback.

For more information on the Transit Plan, contact Caren Lee at 512-671-2869.

Semiconductor supplier relocating to Round Rock

The City of Round Rock and Round Rock Chamber of Commerce announced in March that Monolith Semiconductor is relocating its headquarters to Round Rock.

Originally formed in Ithaca, New York, Monolith Semi is a supplier of high-voltage silicon carbide (SiC) based semiconductor switches used in power electronics for a wide variety of applications including electrical energy conversion, smart grid, datacenters, and electric vehicles. Monolith Semi's switches improve the efficiency of power electronics systems while reducing their size, weight, and cost. The company has received multiple federal contracts to develop and manufacture their technology in the United States and are partnering with Google in the "Little Box Challenge" competition to demonstrate miniaturized solar inverters.

According to Monolith Semi CEO Sujit Banerjee, PhD, "Round Rock was a natural choice because we can attract the right talent, grow our company, and raise our families in the same community. We really look forward to being part of the Round Rock business community."

Said Mayor Alan McGraw: "Monolith Semiconductor will be a valuable asset to Round Rock and a great win for the chamber. A headquarters business in this industry in particular demonstrates the diversity and range of our workforce, as well as the ability to foster businesses across a variety of industries."